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Sir:

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The following are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a non-English language:

1. French Patent Application No. 2 563 042 - The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 2-4 of the specification of the present application and in the enclosed English-language translation. Also, in lieu of a statement of

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relevance or a translation of this non-English document, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the European Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived, citing this document and setting forth the relevance thereof.

2. ENEL (Ente Nazionale Energia Elettrica), Unified Standard DC4389, 1st ed., February 1994. - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 2 of the specification of the present application.

The following are also listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a non-English language:

3. Ferraiolo et al., Rendiconti 95^a Riunione Annuale AEI, Associazione Elettrotecnica ed Elettronica Italiana, Vol. 3, October 1994.

4. Choix et Installation De Cables Autoporteurs HN 33-S-23, Moyenne Tension En Polyéthylène Réticulé.

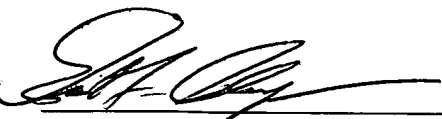
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